

Remarks

By this amendment, claims 1-4 and 8-10 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, claims 6, 7 and 12 are amended, and new claims 13 and 14 are submitted. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests entry and examination of new claims 13 and 14, support for which may be found in the originally filed specification, for example, in paragraphs [0033]-[0034] and [0041]-[0042] of the pre-grant publication thereof (US 2007/0014673 A1). The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

§112 Rejection

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 3 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out an distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has canceled claim 3, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejections of claim 3 moot.

§103 Rejections

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haberlander et al. (US 6,457,944) in view of Llewellyn (GB 2,130,305). Applicant has canceled claims 1-4 and 8-10, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and has amended claim 7 to change the dependency thereof to new claim 13, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 6, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haberlander et al. in view of Llewellyn as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Weigold (WO 02/087057, as translated in US 2004/0027014). Applicant has amended claim 6 to depend on new claim 13, thereby rendering the rejection of claim 6 moot, as well as the rejection of claims 11 and 12, dependent thereon.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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